Morrish Elementary School
Family Newsletter

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District Mission Statement: *Swartz Creek Community Schools is a family committed to excellence, instilling the values of integrity and compassion, and encouraging every individual to embrace challenges through continuous learning*

Principal's Message



Morrish Families,

As we welcome November, I am reminded of how much we have to be thankful for at Morrish Elementary. I am grateful for our hardworking students, our dedicated staff, and the families who partner with us each day to help every Dragon learn, grow, and shine.

Parent-teacher conferences are an important opportunity to strengthen that partnership. Together, we can celebrate your child's accomplishments, discuss their progress, and identify ways to support their continued success. Thank you for making time to connect with your child's teacher and for being such an important part of their educational journey.

This month, we will also have a special opportunity to honor our veterans and support currently deployed service members through our upcoming Morrish Veterans Day Care Package Project. This is a meaningful way for our students and families to show gratitude, kindness, and appreciation for those who serve our country.

The holiday season is quickly approaching, bringing many exciting opportunities for family involvement at Morrish. Please watch for information about upcoming activities and ways to join in the fun. Your participation helps create the special memories and strong sense of community that make Morrish such a wonderful place to be.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I hope the upcoming break provides time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the people and moments that bring you joy. Thank you for trusting us with your children and for the continued support you show our school. I am truly grateful to be part of the Morrish community!

Becky Trent

Upcoming Events & Planning Ahead

November 2-9	**Veteran Care Package Donation Drive**
November 6	**Friday Sale**
November 9	**PTO Meeting 4pm**
	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8pm
November 11	**½ day of school/ Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-3:30 pm/5-7 pm**
November 12	**Dine to Donate- Pig & Hen Restaurant**
November 13	**½ day of school**
November 18	**Picture Retake Day**
	Holiday Shop
November 20	**Friday Sale**
November 25-27	**Thanksgiving Break**

This calendar is helpful for parents as you plan for days off school, ½ days, and so forth for the school year. Click here to see: 2026-2027 District Calendar

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VOLUNTEERS

We love having family members involved at Morrish! Anyone wishing to help with school events, volunteer in a classroom, or chaperone a field trip must complete a background check.

Please complete a Volunteer Profile Form and submit it to the Main Office at least one week before the event or activity. This allows our office enough time to complete the required background check. Thank you for sharing your time and helping make Morrish a great place for our students!

Morrish 26-27 Volunteer Form

Thank You, Morrish Families!

A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us for Friday's Halloween celebrations! The beautiful weather made for a fun, sunshiny parade, and our classrooms were filled with painted pumpkins, ghoulish snacks, creepy crafts, lots of laughter—and I even spotted a teacher being mummified! Thank you for helping make it such a memorable day for our Dragons!

A Special Opportunity

❤️🤍💙 This Veterans Day, our Morrish Dragons are coming together to show our appreciation for the brave men and women who serve our country! We are collecting donations November 2–9 to create care packages for troops currently deployed, sending a little love and gratitude from home!

If your family has a loved one currently deployed, we would love to send them a care package, too! Please see the flyer for donation ideas and details on how to share your loved one's information.

Small acts of kindness can make a BIG difference! 🐉



Drop off & Pick Up Details

Morning Drop-Off Reminder 🚗

To help keep morning arrival safe and running smoothly, **all vehicles using our drop-off line should enter from Linden Road**.

Families who choose to enter from Maple Road must park in the designated parking area and walk their students safely across to the building. **Please do not pull up to the doors from the Maple Road entrance**, as this area is part of our bus loop and must remain clear for buses during both morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

Thank you for helping us keep all Morrish students safe!

Medication

If your child has to take medication during the school year, please stop by the office to fill out the appropriate forms and bring in the medication in their original bottles. DO NOT send medication in with students as this is a safety concern and against district policy. [You can access all relevant Medical Forms here.]

Please pack a change of clothes!!!👕👖

Parents/Guardians, It is so important to pack a change of clothes for your student(s) of all ages! Even if you don't think they will need them, accidents do happen. Food gets spilled, a paint catastrophe can happen and sometimes kids can't resist those mud puddles. So when in doubt always pack a change of clothes!!!

Absences or Change in Pick-Up

- Please call in all absences to the school office by 8:30 am. All absences require a phone call, note, or email
- Any changes to your child's normal pick-up routine need to be made BEFORE 3 p.m. with the office

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PTO News

Thank you to everyone that donated to the Morrish PTO Kindness Fundraiser. Also, to the students that completed their many acts of kindness at home and around school!

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 9th PTO meeting in the Art Room. Childcare in the Makers Space.
- Nov 12th 4pm-8pm: Dine to Donate at The Pig and The Hen
- Morrish Holiday Shop is Wednesday Nov 18th!



We still need volunteers to help wrap and to help kids shop.

Volunteer forms MUST be turned in by Nov 6th to volunteer. LINK: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094EAAA722A3FA7-66635052-morrish#/

Fun Friday Sales:

- Nov 6th- Textured sensory stickers 25 cents
- Nov 20- Chupa Chups 25 cents

Keep Those Cans Coming!

Our Pop Can Drive continues all year long! Families may send returnable cans and bottles to school with their students to place in the collection bin outside the gym. Every can helps support Morrish students and activities!

💙 **Stay Connected**
Keep up with PTO news, events, and volunteer opportunities by joining the Morrish PTO Facebook Page!

Your 2026-27 PTO Board:
Becky Asaro- President
Misty Comeau- Vice President
Jenn Reif- Treasurer
Mariea Coffer- Secretary

Save The Date…



Gearing up for Winter

Parents/Guardians, The seasons are changing and cold weather is creeping in. Please always assume we are going outside for recess. Students should have:

- Gloves
- Coats
- Hats
- Winter boots
- Snow pants

Please label your students things. It can also be helpful to put your students' winter things in a recyclable bag that they can leave by their hook.

⚡Mrs. Cook's Coach's Corner-tip of the week⚡

C is for **cooking.** Cooking with your child can actually have a tremendously positive impact on your child's development. It encourages children's thinking, problem-solving, and creativity. It also allows children the opportunity to use the knowledge they have and apply it by counting, measuring, following a sequence, following directions, and cause and effect. AND…best of all…it's a FUN opportunity for you to pass along some family favorite recipes!! This holiday season look for opportunities to add some quality time together in the kitchen with your child!
Cooking With Kids : Food Network https://www.buzzfeed.com/hannahloewentheil/cooking-with-kid



The Social Scoop



Valuable life tips from our Social Worker, Joely King

Practicing Thankfulness Research shows that focusing on what we're grateful or thankful for improves mood, sleep, and resilience. Try starting a "gratitude/thankful moment" at dinner or bedtime where each family member shares one thing they're thankful for. Over time, children learn to look for the positives, even on tough days.

School Safety

Your child's safety is our utmost responsibility while they are at Morrish Elementary. Throughout the year, we will conduct safety drills for emergencies such as fire drills, tornado drills, evacuation drills, and lockdown drills. Your child's teacher will discuss all emergency procedures with their class and teach them the proper way to handle each situation. If you have any safety concerns, please contact the main office at
(810) 591-3730

Food Services

Swartz Creek Community Schools WILL continue to offer FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL students in grades pre-K through 12!

For more information, visit our website or contact Food Services directly at 810-591-1864.
Meal Magic Family Portal: A fantastic resource for families. Here, you can set up accounts for your children to deposit money, view purchases, transfer funds between children, and set restrictions.
Lunch Menus: Available on the food service page under the NutriSlice tab, detailing nutritional value, calories, macros, and allergens.
Special Dietary Statement: If your student has dietary restrictions, please have the form below completed by your family physician and turn it into the office.

Tony Delgado, Food Services adelgado@swcrk.org 810-591-1858

TRANSPORTATION

2026-2027 Transportation Instructions

John Miehm, Transportation jmiehm@swcrk.org (810) 591-211

StopFinder Info



If you need to sign up for a STOPFINDER ACCOUNT, don't hesitate to contact transportation to request an invitation. Click
the links below to watch a short video on how to set up and use your StopFinder app and to answer the FAQ.
Stopfinder.com
Link to video

Annual Directory Information Notice

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that our District, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Swartz Creek Community Schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised our District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Swartz Creek Community Schools to include information from your child's education records in certain school publications such as a school yearbook, honor roll lists, and special event programs (please access the Directory Information Opt-Out webpage for more examples).

If you have further questions, please contact Director John Mertz (**jmertz@swcrk.org**) or (810-591-2388). Thank you.

Safe Storage Resources

Michigan law requires schools to provide families with information about the importance of safe firearm storage. This notification is part of a statewide effort to promote student safety and comply with MCL 28.435 (Public Act 17 of 2023).
https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/safety-injury-prev/firearm-injury-prevention/secure-storage-law

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Staff Directory and General School Information

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School Address: 5055 Maple Ave, Swartz Creek, MI 48473
Websites:
District - https://www.swartzcreek.org/
School - https://morrish.swartzcreek.org/

The School Day:
Students may enter the building at 8:15 am
Classes begin at 8:25 am
School Dismisses at 3:25 pm

Half Day AM starts at 8:25 am
School Dismisses at 11:40 am

Half Day PM starts at 12:30 pm
School Dismisses at 3:25 pm

CREEK EXPECTATIONS

C-Commit to Learning

R-Respect Others

E-Everyone is Responsible

E-Everyone is Safe

K-Kindness Counts

Stay Connected With Us!
Download the District mobile app ("*Swartz Creek Community Schools"*) from ***Apptegy***:

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

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